



All Grades—Falcon Cam Observation Questions

Use the web cam to watch the peregrines closely. Make observations on a regular basis, if possible, and use a notebook to record your observations. Make an observation log by recording the date, time, and the weather conditions in your notebook every time you watch the falcons.

1. You will probably see both the male and the female at the nest box. Can you tell them apart? How? Describe and/or sketch in your notebook the way you can tell the birds apart.
2. What is the nest made from? How do you suppose the birds gather this material? What function does the nest serve? Is one bird more of a builder than the other?
3. When the parents are incubating eggs, which bird spends more time on the nest—the male or the female? Why?
4. Try to make observations at different times during the day. Do the falcons have behavior patterns or routines? Why? Are the falcons' behavior patterns similar to yours?
5. Record the weather conditions each time you observe the falcons. Does the weather affect the birds' behavior? How?
6. When the parents are feeding chicks, can you identify the prey items the parents bring?
7. What questions do you have about the peregrines? How can you find the answers?